

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application; the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 5-17 are withdrawn as non-elected; and

Claims 1-4 are currently pending.

The Office Action sets forth a requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 for an election of a single species from those specified as follows:

Species Fig. 1 with

Sub-species I: Figs. 2, 3

Sub-species II: Figs. 5, 7

Species Fig. 8 with

Sub-species III: Figs. 9-12

Species Fig. 13 with

Sub-species IV: Figs. 15, 16

Species Fig. 17 with

Sub-species V: Figs. 20, 21

Applicants hereby elect sub-species II (Figs. 5 and 7) without traverse.

Claims readable on elected sub-species II include claims 1-4.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Application No. 09/774,926

Amendment and Restriction Requirement dated June 27, 2004

Reply to Office Action of June 30, 2004

This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims or the total number of claims, nor does it present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, no fee is due. However, if the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form is missing, insufficient, or otherwise inadequate, or if a fee, other than the issue fee, is required during the pendency of this application, please charge such fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Any fee required by this document other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

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Any other fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time and any other fee required by this document pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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